GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>ABSTRACT</u>

PUBLIC SERVICES – Education(SE) Department – Sri M.K.Ramu, Director & Special Officer(Retd.), Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad. – Departmental Proceedings under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Articles of Charges – Issued

G.O.Rt.No. 587

Dated:19-08-2008

Read the following:

- 1) From the Director & Special Officer, Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.492/Estt.1/JBB/2006, dt.19-7-2008.
- 2) G.O.Ms.No.105, Education(SE.Vig.II & Coordn.)Deptt., dt.19-08-08.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule(2) of Rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri M.K.Ramu, Direcotr & Spl.Officer, (Retd.), Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad vide G.O.2nd read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said Sri M.K.Ramu in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S.(CCA) Rules, 1991.

- 2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge(Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed(Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed(Annexure-III and IV).
- 3. Sri MK.Ramu, Director & Spl.Officer,(Retd.) Jawahar Bal Bhawan, Hyderabad) is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this memorandum, a written statement of his defence and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.
- 4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges are not admitted. He should, therefore specifically admit or deny each article of charge.
- 5. Sri M.K.Ramu, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S.(CCA) Rules, 1991 or the orders /directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.
- 6. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRAPRADESH)

D.R.GARG PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.(RVM)

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Sri M.K.Ramu, Director & Spl.Officer(Retd.), Jawahar Bal Bhawan, Hyderabad through the Director & Spl.Officer, Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad. The Director & Special Officer, Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad. Sf/Sc.

//Forwarded::By order//

Section Officer

ANNEXURE-I

Statement of Articles of charge framed against Sri M.K.Ramu, Director & Spl.Officer(Retd.), Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad.

Article No.1:

That Sri M.K.Ramu, while functioning as Director & Special officer, Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad has placed irregular orders to the tune of Rs.35,00,000- (Rupees thirty five lakhs only) towards printing of books.

Article No.-II:

That the said Sri M.K.Ramu, while functioning as Director & Spl.Officer (Retd.) Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad.has placed an order for Rs.4.00 lakhs without following tender procedure and without notice of the Government for purchase of Computers, Plastic Chairs and Almirahs and other items with the help of one clerk.

Article No.-III

That while functioning in the aforesaid office the said Sri M.K.Ramu has drawn an amount of Rs.3.00 lakhs from the PD A/c. without permission of the Government and placed order to his friend for repairs of Indira Priyadarshini Auditorium without following tender procedure with the help of one clerk which is highly irregular.

D.R.GARG PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.(RVM)

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of the articles of charge framed against Sri M.K.Ramu, Retired, Director & Spl.Officer, Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad.

Article No.1:

From the records it is seen that the C&DSE through Proc.Rc.No.7/B3-4(B5-2/98-1), dt.1-5-2004 informed M/s.Balala Academy, Hyderabad that the books have to be supplied to 5729 U.P.Schools attached to High School Sections as per the list enclosed to the proceedings and these proceedings were received by M/s.Balala Academy on 06-05-04.

It was also further informed that M/s.Balala Academy shall supply the required quantity to the districts at DIET points before 10-06-2004 positively. It was further mentioned in the said proceedings that they i.e., Balala Academy shall furnish an undertaking to the C&DSE to supply books duly stipulating the conditions mentioned in the said proceedings on a non-judicial paper worth Rs.100-00 within a week. To these proceedings the list regarding No. of schools and the list of recommended books and proforma undertaking were also enclosed for taking further action by M/s:Balala Academy. Also the C&DSE through Proc.Rc.No.7/B3/-4 (B52/98), dt.5-5-2004 informed M/s:Balala Academy (received by them on 8-5-05) that the publisher should maintain the quality of printing of books in 70 GSM (Capital 'A' Grade and Map Litho paper in all copies) to be supplied. In these proceedings it is also mentioned that the revised proforma of an undertaking is also enclosed for ready reference.

On 24-05-2004, the Dir.& Spl Officer , JBB, Hyderabad through his letter Rc.No.441/Estt:4/2004, dt.24-5-05 addressed CDSE stating that he agrees to supply the ordered quantity of the books. It was further mentioned in the said proceedings that with regard to allowing discount, he requested the C&DSE to permit the department for fixing up of the price of each book by adding 50% in addition to the production cost fixed by the Director, AP Govt.Text Book Press as per OBB norms. It was also further informed that the same method was adopted previously by the department and that 18087 sets of children books with 91 books in each set were supplied under OBB scheme Phase III & IV.

Thus stating he sought for early orders of the C&DSE to permit the department for fixing up of the price of each book as per earlier procedure adopted. In this letter it was further informed that the C&DSE issued orders to his department for supply of 5729 sets of children books with 103 books in each set to UP schools attached to high school sections.

On 24-5-2004, the Dir.&S.O addressed the Director, APG Text Books Press through Lr.Rc,.No.441/Estt-4/2003, dt.4-5-2004. In this letter, the Dir.&.Spl.Officer, JBB informed that earlier 106 books published by the department were sent to the Director, AP Govt.Text Book Press for fixing up of the production cost to enable him to submit the price on each books on the supplies to C&DSE under OBB Scheme and that the reply was still awaited by that date. Thus stating he requested the Director, APGTBP to take necessary action at an early date to send the information to C&DSE so as to enable him to send information in connection with the implementation on supply of order.

On 24-5-2004 the Dir.&.S.O, JBB vide his letter Rc.No.441/Estt-4/2003, dt.24-5-2004 addressed the Secretary to Govt., School Education Department information that in view of the circumstances explained in the said letter, he requested for sanction of an amount of Rs.30 lakhs as an advance amount towards supply of 5729 sets of children books to UP schools attached to High School sections under OBB Scheme.

On 2-06-2004 the Dir.& S., JBB while enclosing a list of 103 books, once again requested the Director, AP Govt.Text Book Press through his letter Rc.No.441/Estt-4/2004, dt.21-6-2004 for fixing up of the production cost of each book to enable the

department to send information to the C&DSE in connection with implementing the supply order.

On 29-6-2004 the Director, AP Govt.Text Book Press through his letter Rc.No.2058rf4-2003, dt.28-6-2004 addressing the Dir. & Spl.Officer, JBB that an estimated working sheet on 102 titles were furnished to the C&DSE through his letter Rc.No.2058rf4-03/17-6-03. It was also further informed by the Dir., AP Govt.Text Book Press that a copy of the same is also sent to the Spl.Officer and Director, JBB for ready reference.

On 4-7-2004 the Dir.&.Spl. Officer, JBB through his letter Rc.441/Estt-4/2004, dt.4-7-04 addressed the Director, AP Govt.Text Book Press, informed that reprinting of the books 12-gsm (A- Grade) Map Litho Paper for multi colour books and title covers of single books and 70 gsm A-Grade Map Litho Paper books will be used.

Thus stating he sent selected books with the details of papers to be used for reprinting of books and requested the Director, AP Govt.Text Book Press for re-fixation of production cost of each book by taking into consideration of the facts stated in the said letter.

On 13-7-2004 the Dir., JBB addressed the principal Secretary to Govt., through his letter Rc.No.441/Estt-4/2004 dt,.13-7-2004 informing that the C&DSE placed order for supply of 102 books published by the Literacy Wing of Jawahar Bal Bhawan, Hyderabad to 5729 UP schools attached to high school sections in the State under OBB scheme. It was also further informed that the rates of the books were fixed long time back and that due to increase in the cost of paper, printing charges and packing & forwarding charges etc., the price of 102 books are to be revised by at least doubling the existing basic price of the book. Thus stating he sought for an early orders on revision of price of books duly enclosing revised price for each book as prepared by him in the said letter.

On 22-7-2004 the C&DSE addressed the Director, Balala Academy through his letter Rc.No.7/B3-4(B5-2), dt.22-7-2004 requesting to inform him:

- a) Whether the Director, Balala Academy ready to supply the title of books selected;
- b) If so, the time required for supply of the selected books.

In response to the above letter, the Dir.&.S.O, JBB addressed the C&DSE through his letter Rc.441/Estt-4/03, dt.Nil approved on 31-7-04 by the Dir.&.S., JBB stating that in the circumstances explained in the said letter, it is difficult to publish required quantity of books without sufficient funds and that an amount of Rs.60 lakhs may kindly be released to his department as an advance to enable to execute the order within 90-days from the date of release of the said advance amount. It was further stated in the said letter that he may be permitted to supply books to the D.E.O's point only and that final bill for payment of balance amount will be preferred after supplies are effected.

On 11-10-2004, the C&DSE vide his letter Rc.No.7A1B3-4(B5-2)/199 dt.11-10-2004 addressed the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyderabad informing him that the matter was referred to the Government and that the Government after examining the request, informed DSE that there is no scope for payment of 50% of amount in advance and that the cost decided by the Committee should be adhered to. It was further mentioned in the letter that there is no scope of issuance of any revised supply order or to limit the supply order to the extent of the value of Rs.600-00. Thus stating, the C&DSE requested the Dir.&.Spl.Officer, JBB, Hyderabad to supply the books as ordered in the C&DSE Proc.Rc.NO.7/B3-4(B5-2), dt.01-05-2004 on or before 25-10-2004 at DIET points in the districts and no further extension of time will be given. Further it was also stated in the said letter that the payment would be considered only to the extent of supplies made after due verification reports received from the districts and this letter was received on 16-10-2004 from C&DSE. Again on 24-10-2004 the Dir.&.S.O,JBB,

Hyderabad addressed the Principal Secretary to the Govt., School Education Department through his letter Rc.No.441/Estt-4/2004-2, dt.24-10-2004 informing that they are having already some books at their Bal Bhawan Sales Counter and the remaining books are to be printed and supplied to the Commissioner & Director of School Education. Further he sought for permission to take action without considering the terms and conditions specified in G.O.Rt.No.157, Edn.(Prog.II) Deptt.,dt.07-03-2003 for supply of books as ordered by the Commissioner, and Director of School Education.

The Dir.& Spl.Officer, JBB, Hyderabad addressed the Director, Govt.Printing Press, Chenchalguda, Hyderabad through his letter Rc.NO.441/Estt-4/2004, dt.12-12-2004 requesting him to send a list of approved & recognized offset printing presses, by the Government Central Press.

On 12-12-2004 he also addressed the Director, AP Govt.Text Book Press vide his letter Rc.NO.441/Estt-4/2004, dt.12-12-2004 requesting the Director, Govt.Text Book Press to send the list of offset printing presses recognized by the Govt.Text Book Press.

In the Proc.of the DSE Rc.No.7 C/B3-4(B5-2) dt.15-12-2004 the Dir.& Spl.Officer, JBB, was requested to supply the books before 15-01-2005 at DIET points in the district and it was also mentioned that no further extension of time will be given considering the circumstances explained by the Dir.&. Spl.Officer, JBB, Hyderabad. It was also further mentioned that the payment would be considered to the extent of supplies made after receipt of verification reports from the Districts. This letter was received by the Dir.&.Spl.Officer JBB, Hyderabad on 17-12-2004.

On 18-12-2004 the Dir.&.Spl.Officer, JBB, Hyderabad addressed the DSE through his letter Rc.No.441/Estt-4/2003-1, dt.18-12-2004 requesting the DSE to permit him to supply the selected books as per the price list without allowing discount. In response to this letter, the DSE vide his Proc.Rc.No.7 C/B3-4(B5-2) 1998, dt.03-01-2005 requested the Director, JBB supply the set of 103 Books for Rs.600-00 and extended the time for supply of books before 31-01-2005 at DIET points in the district. It was further mentioned in the said proceedings that no further extent of time will be given and that the payment would be considered to the extent of supplies made after due verification reports received from the districts. The Dir.&.Spl.Officer, JBB, Hyderabad addressed the Commissioner and Director of School Education through his letter Rc.NO.441/Estt-4/2004-3, dt.Nil informing him that the arrangements are being made for supply of books.

On 6-1-2005, the Dir.&.Spl.Officer, JBB, through his letter Rc.No.441/Estt-4/2004 dt.6-1-2005 addressed M/s.Venu Graphics Designers & Offset Printers, No.2-1-39211/3/8 Opp:Fever Hospital Lane, Nallakunta, Hyderabad 500-044 to reprint 6000 sets of books with 102 books in each set by using prescribed quality of paper according to the specifications given in the said letter. It was also further mentioned that out of 6000 sets, 5729 sets of books with 102 books in each set should be packed and forwarded to all the 23 DEOs in the State at the DIET points as shown in Annexure-II, annexed to the said letter according to quantity of sets shown against each district. It was further mentioned that the remaining 271 sets of books with 102 books in each set should be supplied to the O/o. the Dir.&.Spl.Officer, JBB, Hyderabad. Further, the printer was asked to supply the ordered quantity of books on or before 25-01-2005 and to furnish the acknowledgements from the DEOs for payment of bills.

On 28-01-2005 the Dir.&.Spl.Officer, JBB, Hyderabad through his letter Rc.No.441/Estt.-4/2004, dt.28-01-2005 addressing the Commissioner and Director of School Education informed that the printers M/s.Venu Graphics Designers have expressed their inability to supply the order and sought for extension of time for supply of books, stating thus the DSE was requested to permit him to supply the books before the extended date i.e., 28-02-2005.

On 09-02-2005 the Dir.&.Spl.Officer, JBB, Hyderabad through his letter Rc.No.441/Estt-4/2004, dt.09-02-2005 requested the DSE to issue instructions to the DEOs to acknowledge for taking delivery of the books and to acknowledge on the supply challans in token of receipt of books in good condition. On 11-02-2005 the DSE through his Procgs.Rc.No.7 AIB-34/98, dt.11-02-2005 informed the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyd., that the Director of School Education is pleased to extend the time upto 28-02-2005 as a last chance for supply of library books under OBB, considering the circumstances reported by the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyderabad.

The Director of School Education addressing a letter to the Dir.&S.O,JBB, Hyderabad vide his letter Rc.No.7C/B3-4(B52)/98, dt.11-03-2005 informing that a cheque bearing S1.No.156474, dt.11-03-2005 for Rs.27,14,0921/- drawn on SBH, Gunfoundry, Hyderabad was annexed to the letter towards value of 90% payment to the 16 districts and 75% payment to 5 districts on the total admissible amount. The said cheque was deposited by the Dir.&S.O, JBB, Hyd., into the PD A/c vide challan No.117093/14th March 2005.

On 15-03-2005, the Dir.&S.O, JBB, Hyd., through his Procs. Rc. No. 441/ Estt-4/2004, dt.15-03-2005 issued sanction orders for payment of R.25.00 lakhs to M/s.Venu Graphic Designers and Offset printers, Nallakunta, Hyderabad by way of crossed cheque drawn in their favour, as part payment towards printing, binding and supply of 6,000 sets of children books with 102 books in each set under OBB scheme.

On 15-03-2005, M/s. Venu Graphic Designers acknowledged the receipt of the cheque.

On 15-03-2005 the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyderabad through his letter Rc. No.441/Estt-4/2004-1, dt.15-03-2005 addressed M/s.Venu Graphics requesting them to send balance 271 sets of books of 102 titles, films of all 102 titles in full shortage copies of books as informed by DIET centers and remaining delivery challans of (03) districts pending as informed by the DIET centers and asked the firm to supply within 2 days.

On 09-05-2005 the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyderabad sanctioned payment of Rs.4.00 lakhs to M/s.Venu Graphic as part payment by way of crossed cheque, from PD A/c. as part payment against total bill amount of Rs.34,03,026/-.

On 27-7-05 a cheque for Rs.4,73,716/- was deposited in to PD Nc vide challan No.48977.

On 08-08-2005, the Dir.&.S.O,JBB, Hyderabad through his Procgs. Rc. No.441/Estt-4/2004, dt.08-08-2005 sanctioned payment of Rs.4,98,024-75 to M/s.Venu Graphics. In the said proceedings after deducting TDS and other items mentioned in the said proceedings the remaining amount of Rs.4,28,602-75 was ordered to be paid by way of crossed cheque drawn in favour of M/s.,Venu Graphics. On 08-08-2005, M/s.Venu Graphics acknowledged the receipt of the said cheque.

The following are the irregularities noticed:

- 1. There is unwarranted correspondence undertaken by the Dir.&.S.O,JBB, Hyderabad with the Government and the Commissioner and Director of School Education and the Director, Govt.Text Book Press which resulted in undue delay in supply of books.
- 2. The instructions issued vide G.O.Rt.No.157, printing of new books and reprinting of books by the then A.P.Balala Academy (present literacy wing of Jawahar Bal Bhawan) were violated.
- 3. There is no indication in the file that he obtained the list of approved and recognized printers list from the Director, Govt.Text Bok Press. But the Dir.&S.O, JBB, obtained an attested copy (attested by the Asst.Director of Govt.Printing Press, Chenchalguda, on 8-1-2001) of 'A' Class Private Press firms registered with O/o. the Commissioner, Govt.Printing Press, Stationery and Stores, Publication, Govt.Central Press, Hyderabad. Further it is to be noted

that this list was approved by the Commissioner of Govt.Printing Press on 26-10-1998. Further it is noted by the Dir.&.S.O, JBB in the note file at page NO.10 that he received quotations from Saibaba Graphics, Vidyanagar, Hyderabad, M/s.Quality printers, Himayathnagar, Hyderabad and M/s.Venu Graphic Designers and Offset Printer, Nallakunta, Hyderabad, but the name of the firm M/s.Arun Printing Works, Hyderabad is not mentioned in the note. Further all these printing firms were approved by the Commissioner, Central Printing Press, Chenchalguda, Hyderabad.

- 4. There is no indication in the file that the quotations have been called for from all the printers mentioned in the note as detailed at point No.3.
- 5. In the file it is found that the following firms have submitted the quotations.
 - a. M/s.Saibaba Graphics, Hyderabad.
 - b. M/s.Quality Printers, Hyderabad.
 - c. M/sVenu Graphics, Hyderabad.
 - d. M/s.Arun Printing Works, Hyderabad.(This firm has not been mentioned by the Dir.&.S.O,JBB in the note file that he received quotation from this firm).

Strangely none of these quotations submitted by the above firms bear the date and as well the date of receipt of quotations in the O/o,. the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyderabad is not noted. All the quotations appear to have been received in person in the O/o. the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyderabad by the Dir.& Spl.Officer himself.

In these above mentioned quotations submitted by the firms, there is no mention of the letter of the Dir., JBB, Hyderabad asking them to submit quotations.

- 6. There was no indication in the file that negotiations have been held with the firms who submitted their quotations.
- 7. Payments appeared to have been made to the firms only after receipt of money from the Director of School Education, AP, Hyderabad. Moreover payments have been made without ascertaining if the specifications mentioned by the Director have been adhered to viz., GSM of paper etc.
- 8. As per financial code, open tenders are to be invited and in the above issue but no open tenders were invited.

ARTICLE - II

From the records, it is seen that the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyderabad vide his office letter Rc.No.449/Estt-4/2004-2, dt.28-1-2004 has submitted proposals to the Director, National Bala Bhavan, New Delhi for sanction of an amount of Rs.4 lakhs for strengthening of children's library, purchase of Computers, Chairs and Almarais for Jawahar Bal Bhawan, Hyderabad. The Dy.Director, National Bal Bhawan, New Delhi vide letter No.840/G.O/2004/1671, dt.15-6-2004 has accorded financial assistance as one time grant for a sum of Rs.4 lakhs through cheque No.093625 dt.31-3-2004 drawn on Canara Bank, New Dehi subject to fulfillment of the terms & conditions as mentioned in the letter.

ITEMs NO.I:

The Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyd., vide letter Rc.No.A49/Estt-4/2004, dt.14-8-2004 have called for quotations for repairs of the Chairs relating to JBB, Hyd., from the following firms.

- 1. M/s. Venu Graphics & Traders, Hyderabad.
- 2. M/s.Vijayasai Associates, Hyderabad.
- 3. M/s.Kushal Enterprises, Hyderabad.

There is no evidence that all these three firms are Government Suppliers None of these firms bear any registration numbers, APGST number etc.

Accordingly the above 3- firms have submitted quotations in a sealed covers which was received by the Dir.&.S.O,JBB himself. NO negotiations were held with these firms.

The lowest quotations offered by Ms:Kushal Enterprises towards repairs, replacements and polishing to the then existing chairs of JBB, have been accepted and work order was issued by JBB vide Lr.Rc.No.499/Estt-4/2004, dt.24-8-2004, Accordingly Ms:Kushal enterprises have completed the above works and submitted their bill No.001/28-8-2004 for Rs.1 lakh. The payment was made in full by JBB vide cheque No.049853, dt.5-9-2004 and receipt No.002/5-9-2004 for Rs.1 lakh was issued by Ms:Kushal Enterprises. The details of the bills preferred by the firms in brief are:

- 1. The replacement of decolum and side beadings for the library was carried out at the rate of Rs.5,000/- for 10 tables.
- 2. Polishing and repairing to Library wooden chairs was carried out at the rate of Rs.600/- for 50 chairs.
- 3. Polishing and repairs of Library wooden racks was carried out at the rate of Rs.200/- for 29 wooden racks.

Replacement of glass (big racks) was carried out at the rate of Rs.1,000/- for 2 racks.

Replacement of glass(small) was carried out at the rate of Rs.600/- for 12 racks.

Replacement of chairs was carried out at the rate of Rs.500/- per chair for 10 chairs.

Payment appear to be an higher side in respect of the items 1, 2 and 6 mentioned above.

<u>Item No.II</u>: <u>Quotations for the supply of Steel Bookshelves and Racks</u>:

From the records, it is found that the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyderabad has not called for quotations for supply of Steel Book Shelves, racks but it is to be noted that the following firms have submitted their quotations without mentioning the date.

- 1. Ms:Vijayasai Associates, Hyderabad.
- 2. Ms:Venugraphics & Traders, Hyderabad.
- 3. Ms:Kushal Enterprises, Hyderabad.

There is no evidence that all these three firms are Government Suppliers None of these firms bear any registration numbers, APGST number etc.

Ms:Vijayasai Associates, Hyderabad have submitted their lowest rates and orders were placed on them by JBB vide Lr.Rc.No.499/Estt-4/2004, dt.28-8-2004. Accordingly, Ms:Vijayasai Associates have completed the supplies and submitted their bill No.106/1-9-2004 for Rs.75,000/-. The payment was made by JBB vide cheque No.049854/5-9-2004 for Rs.75,000/- and a receipt was issued bearing S.No.680/5-9-2004. The details of the bills preferred by the firms in brief are:

- 1. The firm supplied 7 almirahs -5% steel almirahs with glass shelves at the rate of Rs.7,000/-.
- 2. The firms supplied 3 steel book racks at the rate of Rs.3,000/-.
- 3. The firms supplied 4 computer tables at the rate of Rs.3,000/-.
- 4. The firm supplied 4 computer chairs at the rate of Rs.2,000/-.

The payments appeared to be on higher side in respect of all the above items. Further the guaze of the metal used is not specified.

<u>Item No.III:Quotations for the supply of Chairs:</u>

From the records it is found that the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyderabad has not called for any quotation for supply of chairs. However, the following firms have submitted their quotations without mentioning the date.

- 1. Ms:Vijayasai Associates, Hyderabad.
- 2. Ms:Venugraphics & Traders, Hyderabad.
- 3. Ms:Kushal Enterprises, Hyderabad.

Ms:Vijayasai Associates, Hyderabad have submitted their lowest rates and order were placed on them by JBB vide Lr.Rc.No.499/Estt-4/2004, dt.28-8-2004. Accordingly, Ms:Vijayasai Associates have completed the supplies and submitted their bill No.1067/1-9-2004 for Rs.25,000/-. The payment was made by JBB, vide cheque No.049855/5-9-2004 for Rs.25,000/- and a receipt was issued bearing S.No.681/5-9-2004. The details of the bills preferred by the firms are in brief are:

The firms supplied 50 fiber chairs at the rate of Rs.500/-

The payments appeared to be on higher side in respect of the above item.

<u>Item NO.IV:Quotation for the supply of Computers, Printers and UPS:</u>

From the records it is found that the Dir&S.O, JBB, Hyderabad has called for any quotation for supply of Computers, Printers and UPS. However, the following firms have submitted their quotations without mentioning the date.

- 1. Ms:Vijayasai Associates, Hyderabad.
- 2. Ms; Venugraphics & Traders, Hyderabad.
- 3. Ms:Kushal Enterprises, Hyderabad.

Ms:Vijayasai Associates, Hyderabad have submitted their lowest rates and order were placed on them by JBB, vide Lr.Rc.No.499/Estt-4/2004, dt.28-8-2004. Accordingly Ms:Vijayasai Associates have completed the, supplies and submitted their bill NO.1065/1-9-2004 for Rs.2,00,000/-. The payment was made by JBB vide cheque No.049856/5-9-2004 for Rs.2,00,000/- and a receipt was issued bearing S.No.679/5-9-2004. The details of the bills preferred by the firms in brief are:

- 1. The firm supplied 4 computers at the rate of Rs.45,000/-.
- 2. The firm supplied 4 UPS at the rate of Rs.11,000/-.
- 3. The payments appeared to be on higher side in respect of the above item.
- 4. These items should have been procured from APTS as per the rules in force.

The following are the irregularities noticed:

From the records it is found that the following irregularities were noticed for purchase of computers, plastic chairs and almirahs and other items etc.(except Item NO.1)

- 1. Quotations have not been called for by the Director, JBB, Hyderabad.
- 2. Sanction of the competent authority was not obtained.
- 3. There is no evidence that the above mentioned companies are recognized by the Government or not for supply of the above mentioned items to the Government offices.
- 4. The Director, JBB, Hyderabad has not submitted Utilization Certificates and statement of accounts of the expenditure incurred audited by the Chartered Accountants to the Director, National Bal Bhawan, New Delhi for the financial assistance given forRs.4,00,000/-
- 5. No tenders were called for in respect of item number 1 and item number IV i.e., for repairs to chairs and purchase of computers.
- 6. The amount of Rs.4.00 lakhs was deposited in the personal account of the Dir.&.S.O,JBB against the rules in force.

Article-III:

Govt.in G.O.Rt.No.4666/GAD, dt.30-09-2003 have declared that the XIII International Children's Film Festival-2003 as State Function and to be held from 14-11-2003 to 20-11-2003 at Lalitha Kalathoranam, Hyderabad and the expenditure on the arrangements made for the function shall be met within the Budget of the department.

The Principal Secretary to Govt., Home Department have visited I.P.Auditorium at Jawahar Bal Bhawan, Hyerabad to review the arrangements that are to be made for ensuing children film festival and he has requested the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyd., for IP Auditorium colouring in and out and repairs to chairs and the work should be completed on or before 30-11-2003 and informed him to send the proposals for sanction of Rs.2.00 lakhs for execution of the work.

The Dir.&.S.O, JBB has submitted proposals to the Govt., for sanction of additional funds of Rs.2.00 lakhs vide lr.No.967/Estt-4/2003, dt.11-11-2003 to the Principal Secretary to Govt., Education Department. The Principal Secretary to Govt., Home Department through DO Lr.NO. 20870/Genl.A/2003, dt.11-11-2003 addressing the Principal Secretary, Education Department recommended for sanction of additional funds of Rs.2.00lakhs.

The Government in G.O.Rt.No.2620/Fin.(Expr.SE)Deptt.,dt.13-11-2003 have issued Budget Release Order for Rs.2.00 lakhs to the Dir.&.S.O, JBB, Hyd., and authorized that the amount shall be drawn in relaxation of Treasury Control order on quarterly regulations. Accordingly, the Govt., in G.O.Rt.No.1274/SE/Prog.II-1 Deptt.,dt.13-11-2003 have accorded administrative sanction and authorized the Dir.&.S.O, JBB to draw the amount by submitting AC bill in relaxation of Treasury Control order on quarterly regulation order. Meanwhile, the Dir.&.S.O, JBB have called for quotation from certain firms i.e., 9 firms among those only the following two Government suppliers have submitted their quotations.

- 1. M/s.RD. Patel and Sons, Hyderabad towards repairs of IP Auditorium.
- 2. M/s.Sayeedia Company, Hyderabad towards repairs of IP.Auditorium.

The work order for repairs of chairs in IP Auditorium was given to M/s.RD.Patel and Sons, Hyderabad. An amount of Rs.28,350/- was paid to him vide cheque No.059754, dt.01-12-2003.

Further the Director, JBB, has addressed M/s.AP.Handlooms and Weavers Cooperative Society Hyderabad for supply of certain cloth for use in IP Auditorium. But it is not known whether the cloth was supplied or not as there is no further correspondence or bills in the files.

Regarding painting work and white washing in and out of IP.Auditorium the Dir., JBB has addressed the following three firms. Accordingly, the following firms have submitted their quotations to undertake the works.

- 1. M/s.P.Nagaraju and Company, Contractor and Supplier, Hyd.
- 2. M/s.Divya Advertisers, Hyderabad.
- 3. M/s.Shilpa Advertisers, Hyderabad.

The work order for colouring and white washing in and out of I.P.Auditorium has been given to M/s.P.Nagaraju and Company, Hyderabad. Subsequently the work has been executed by M/s.Nagaraju and Company and the following amounts have been paid to him.

- 1. Rs.1,03,000/- through cheque NO.059765/SBH, dt.31-12-2003.
- 2. Rs.68,650/- through cheque No.059761/SBH, dt.18-12-2003.

In the bills or quotations of M/s.Nagaraju and Company, it is not mentioned any license number or proceedings issued by P.W.D. authorities authorizing him to under

take the Government civil works and the work executed by them has not been certified by the authorized Government Technical Authority.

The following are the irregularities noticed.

The civil works are to be entrusted to R&B Department, which has not been done. There is no technical authority to certify that the civil works have been carried out satisfactorily before the payments were made. Moreover, no tenders have been called for in the matter.

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ANNEXURE-III

List of documents by which the articles of charge framed against Sri M.K.Ramu, Retired Director & Spl.Officer, Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad are proposed to be sustained:

Preliminary Enquiry Repor1t of Sri G.B.S.Sastry, Director, A.P Open School Society, Hyderabad vide Lr.Rc.No.15/GBS/Enquiry/2005, dt.05-10-2005 and 27-10-2005.

ANNEXURE-IV

List of witnesses by whom the articles of charge framed against Sri M.K.Ramu, Retired Director & Spl.Officer, Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad are proposed to be sustained:

Director & Special Oficer, Jawahar Bal Bhawan, AP, Hyderabad.

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